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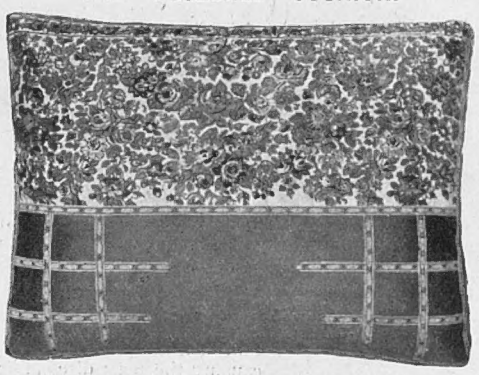

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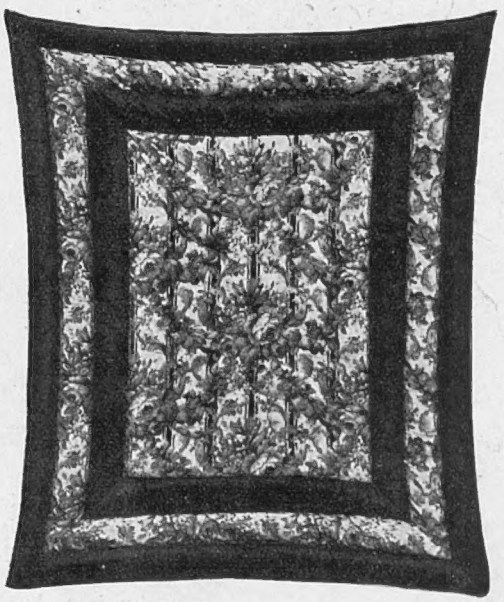

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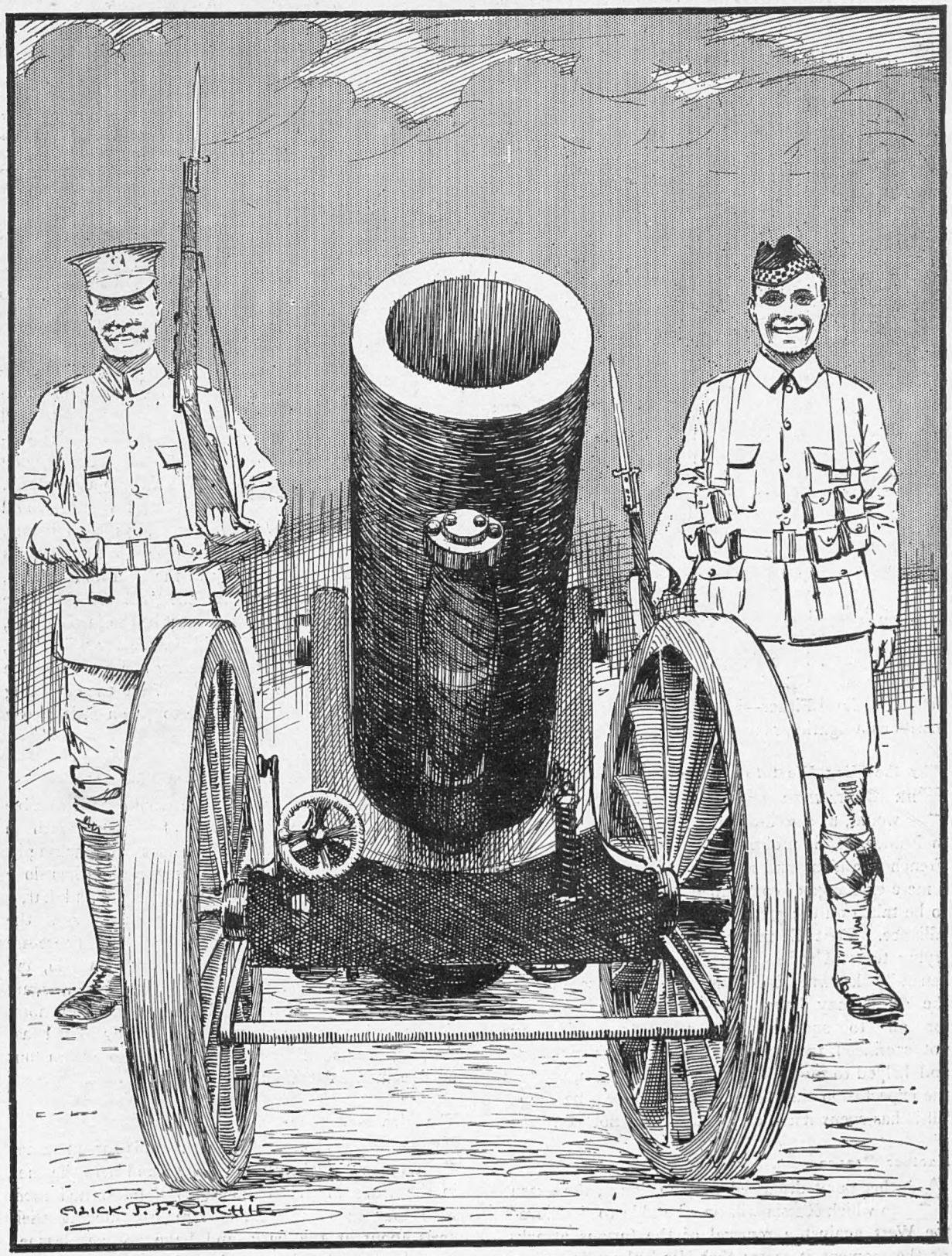

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War Comments

BY THE BYSTANDER

Lively Hopes of 'Liveliness'

PROBABLY not long after these lines appear there will be news of some real "liveliness" in the North Sea. One has the liveliest hopes that the news will be glorious, but news of any naval action at all in these waters will be good news, as the continued inactivity of the various navies, so far as fighting is concerned, has tended to lessen enthusiasm for sea-power. That it has enabled us to hold the seas for our transports, imports, and exports we know; but one's idea of the British Navy—which is also said to be that of Lord Fisher—is that it stands or falls on its merits as a fighting machine.

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Why the King Went to France

THE BYSTANDER anticipated that His Majesty would, at a well-chosen moment, visit his forces in France. It is probable that the meeting with the French President and military chiefs was more than a mere exchange of compliments. Some decision had to be taken on the great question of the future of the Alliance. That Germany has been busily at work trying to get a separate peace with France is pretty generally known, and our King's appearance on the scene may have been due to the desire once for all to squelch such attempts. We have not sacrificed 100,000 British lives on foreign soil, and helped to save France from annihilation, without the expectation that the German peril will be fought till it has spent itself, and that time is not yet.

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Another Reason

Another point discussed was, no doubt, the extent to which Russia will now be able to "relieve" the West against a renewal of the furious attacks. At the moment, it seems that Hindenburg is making some progress towards Warsaw, and while one has every confidence in Russia's ability to defeat the attempt for a third time, Kings and Presidents have to take all possibilities into consideration. Suppose, by evil fortune, the Germans succeeded in Poland in bringing the Russians to a standstill. Britain and France would have to put forth even greater efforts than before. France would naturally point to the fact that she has every available man already in the field and remark, with perfect politeness, that the "effort" must be England's. Our reply to that must be the familiar one, "Next Spring!" But, should France say "Suppose, Messieurs, that the Germans renew the attack before your new Armies are ready?" What then? King George has, no doubt, been able to give a satisfactory assurance on the point.

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Where Slackness Has Really Been Shown

The correct thing to add here would be a forcible allusion to the slackness of British youth in flocking to the colours. But I refrain from making it, being convinced that the voluntary method has done all it can in raising the forces now training, and that, if any slackness exists, it is in the capacity of the authorities to use the material it has got. There are a good many hundreds of thousands of men who, had the needed energy and resource been shown, could have taken the field now. Given physical and moral fitness such as these possessed when they joined last August, they should not have needed more than four or five months' training.

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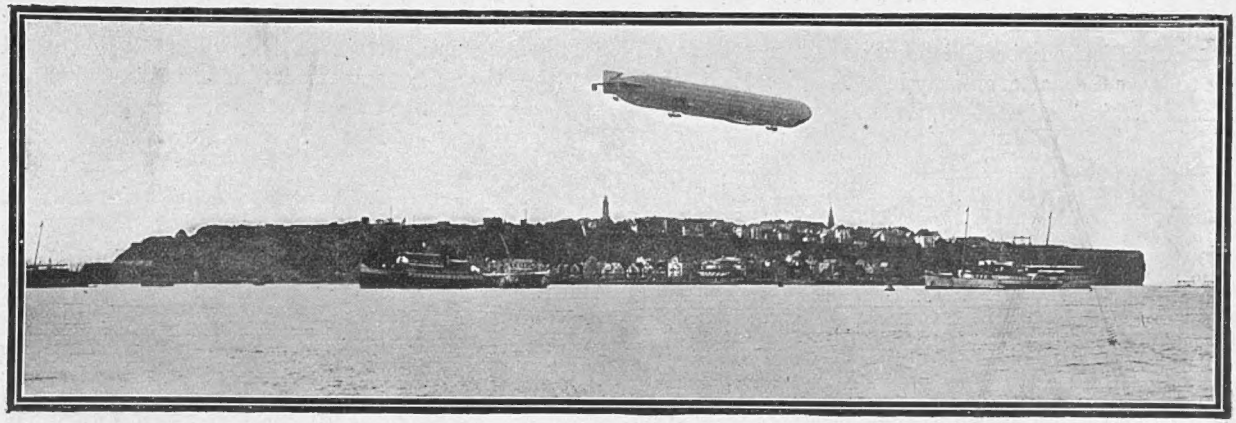
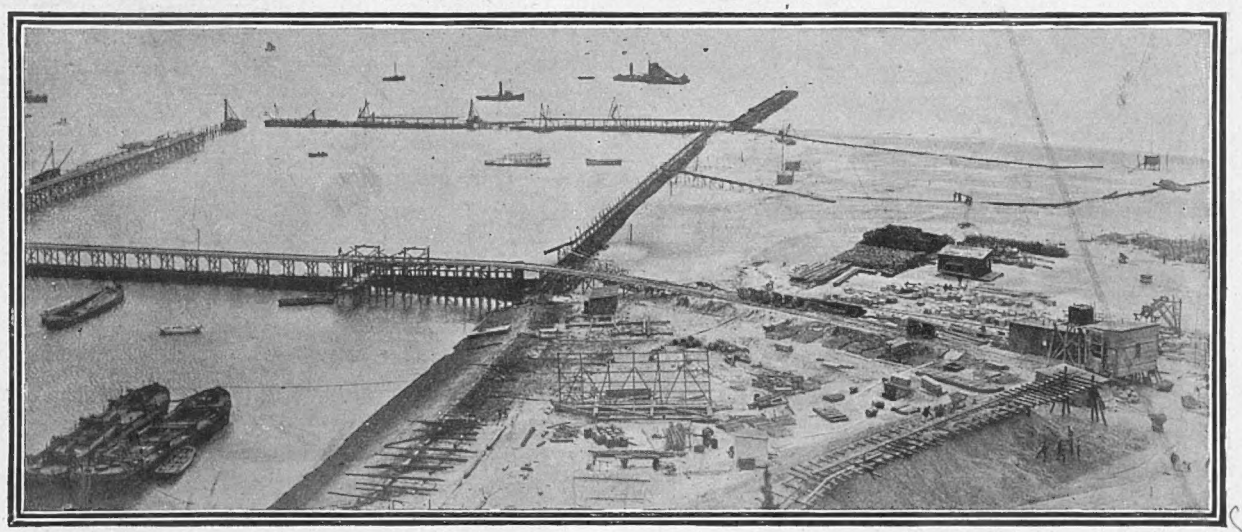
The Men Are There

It is ridiculous to publish piteous wails for untrained civilian "slackers" to go over and help the men in the firing line when thousands of uniformed men, with four months' training, are still kicking their heels about at the back, and have not yet learned even how to handle a rifle. It is also the fact that hundreds of thousands of spare-time volunteers who *can* fire rifles have not yet even been recognised as a possible fighting force in the remote event of invasion.

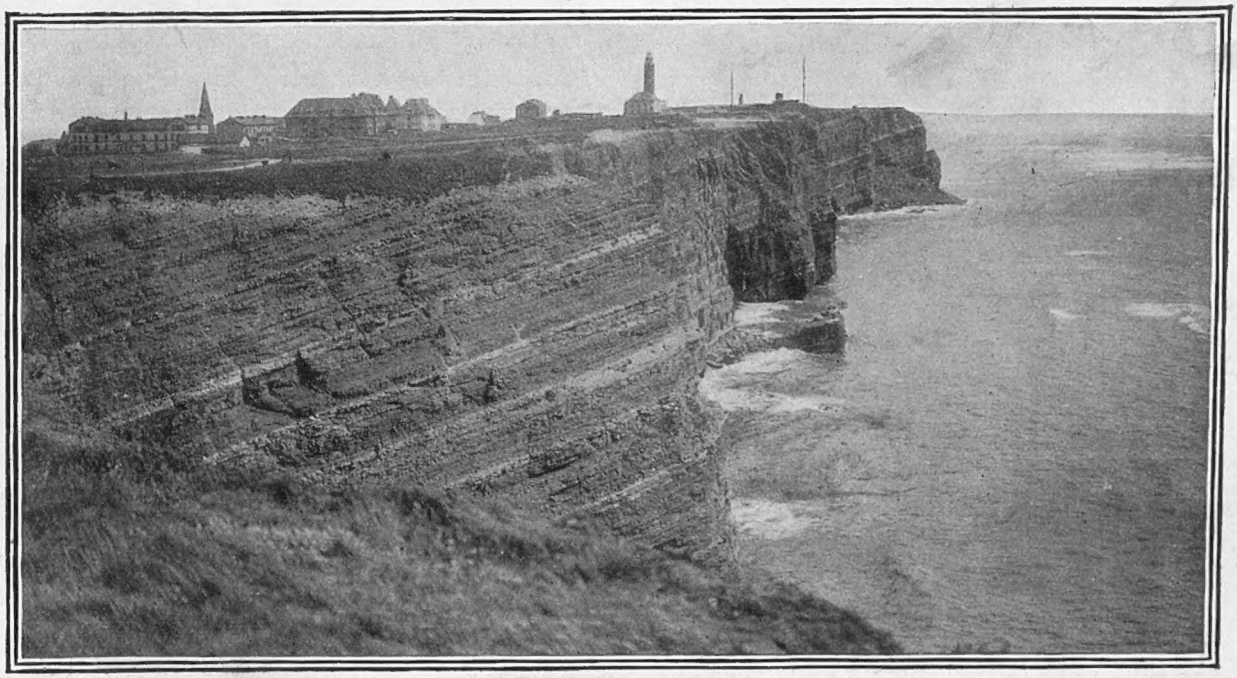
A Centre of "Liveliness"



A GENERAL VIEW OF THE ISLAND OF HELIGOLAND FROM THE HARBOUR SIDE, WITH A ZEPPELIN OVERHEAD



A NEARER VIEW SHOWING THE HARBOUR AT THE TIME WHEN IT WAS IN COURSE OF CONSTRUCTION



A VIEW OF THE ROCKY WEST COAST OF THE ISLAND. ITS INACCESSIBILITY IS A NATURAL SOURCE OF STRENGTH

Three views of the Island of Heligoland, the well-known centre of North Sea "liveliness." With it, Germany is able to protect her North Sea naval bases and the mouths of the Elbe and Weser. Without it, she would have to shut up shop as a Naval Power and to abandon any plans for the invasion of Britain

BYSTANDER COMMENTS (continued)

What to Do with De Wet

As to what shall be done with De Wet, our best plan would be to leave the matter entirely in the hands of his brother Boer, General Botha, a gentleman who has not shown himself lacking in the capacity for dealing swiftly and effectually with people who have given trouble.

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The Slump in Rebellions

In this connection, it is interesting to note how egregiously rebellion has gone out of fashion. None of the upheavals counted upon by all and sundry to help their own affairs have succeeded. Ireland didn't rebel; neither did India; nor Egypt; nor Morocco; nor Algeria; nor Poland; and all Germany's ill-spent money to bring about such rebellions has been wasted.

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Not Worth It

On our side, though we spent no money in stirring up sedition in the enemy's country, we too have been disappointed at the failure to rebel of Germany's own Poles and Alsatians and Danes. The fact of the matter is that in times of real war the rebel's occupation is gone. He knows that the risk of punishment, if his paymasters do not succeed, is too great to be taken, so he doesn't take it. De Wet was an exception, and he knows now.

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War-Weather

An elderly gentleman greeted me in a railway carriage the other day with so refreshing and unusual a thing as a remark about the weather. I was about to enjoy the rare sensation of a full and frank discussion of it—for the time of year, I remarked, it was very windy. But my hopes thereby to avoid the war were blown sky-high. My companion—we were in for a fifty-mile run without a stop—had a war-weather theory. He said that the high winds of the present month, quite unusual for December, were due to the war and the war alone. As one explosion had the effect of causing wind, what of millions of explosions, on land, sea, and sky? Ought they not to be causing tornadoes at least. And weren't they trying? They certainly were, I agreed, after he had digressed on the theme for ten minutes, adding, *sotto voce*, "So are you."

Photograph Lafayette

Photograph Thomson

THE NEW EARL AND COUNTESS OF ERNE

The Earl, who, before succeeding to his father's title, was Major Viscount Crichton, is a major in the Royal Horse Guards, and is now a prisoner of war in Germany

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A Theory about that Battleship

The loss of a battleship, without loss of life, is a serious enough thing; but to conceal it can only have been decided on for reasons of high policy. If anything of the kind has happened, as certain papers hinted during the week, I beg of them to be careful. Mr. Churchill may have a characteristic surprise with which to floor them. The battleship, if it ever went down, may have since come up again, it being—hush, this mustn't get to Berlin!—one of our new submarine Dreadnoughts, whose disappearance below the waters, in the presence of American journalists and photographers only, may have been purely temporary.

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Names to be Known

As the British Generals who have sealed their reputations at the front are (after French) Smith-Dorrien and Haig, the French Generals to the fore, after the inestimable Joffre, are Foch, Castlenau, Gallieni, Belin, and Manoury. We must learn to familiarise ourselves with these names, as some of them will figure very prominently in the history of to-morrow. As yet, we have little

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THE NEW EARL AND COUNTESS OF STAIR

Like the Earl of Erne, Lord Stair, formerly Lord Dalrymple, has succeeded to the Earldom while a prisoner of war in Germany. His regiment is the Scots Guards

BYSTANDER COMMENTS (continued)

idea of the exact circumstances in which reputations have been made and lost, but one day we shall open our mouths and—gush!

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"Glorious Disobedience"

There is one story, anyway, that will go down to history with Nelson's "glorious disobedience" at Copenhagen. There was a moment in the war when an order was given to retreat, and there was a General who ignored it, and advanced instead. The result of the disobedience was magnificent. I cannot tell the story now, as to do so might cause trouble with the Censor. But one day I hope to be able to.

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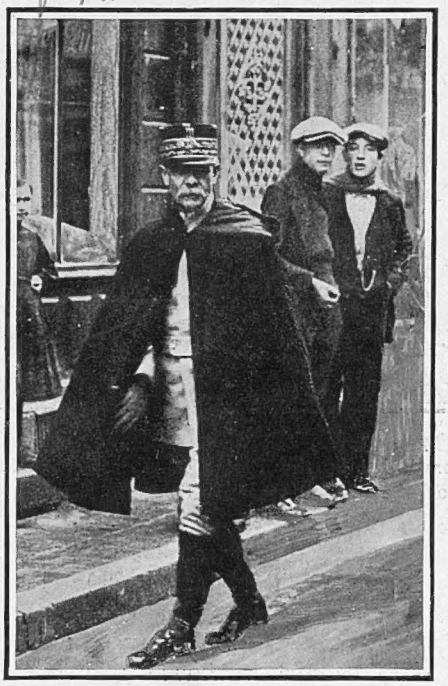
A Tactical Victory

The best description of the Ypres-Armentières battle is that it was a victory of tactics on the grave of strategy. The British plan to outflank the Germans to the north, and to redeem Belgium did not succeed because—alas!—certain things were not done by certain people at the appointed time. As a result, as we all read in French's last dispatch, the Germans were able to make the dash towards the coast which they intended after the fall of Antwerp. Our plan was frustrated, but so was theirs, for if we did not get to Brussels, neither did they to Calais. It was a tactical victory for us because we were heavily outnumbered. The Prussian machine was thrown out of order by a little piece of British grit.



GENERAL BELIN

Though one seldom hears or sees his name mentioned, his position as General Joffre's right-hand man is one of supreme importance

Hindenburg's Break-away

On the Polish side, the dramatic element has been provided by Hindenburg's escape from the "ring of steel" owing to Rennenkampf's failure to arrive in time. One day the story of that, too, will be told, and we shall realise that we have indeed been living in times of romance, not to say legend.

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Nota Bene

It is the Christmas gift season, and all thoughts of present-givers turn to the absent ones. Letters from the front convince me that the chief requirements of Tommy are the following: tobacco, pipes or cigarettes, illustrated papers, razor blades, soap, small-tooth combs, Keating's powder, and skin ointment. In regard to one of these items, I may mention that THE BYSTANDER Belli-Christmas Number is now on sale at the bookstalls, at the price of sixpence.

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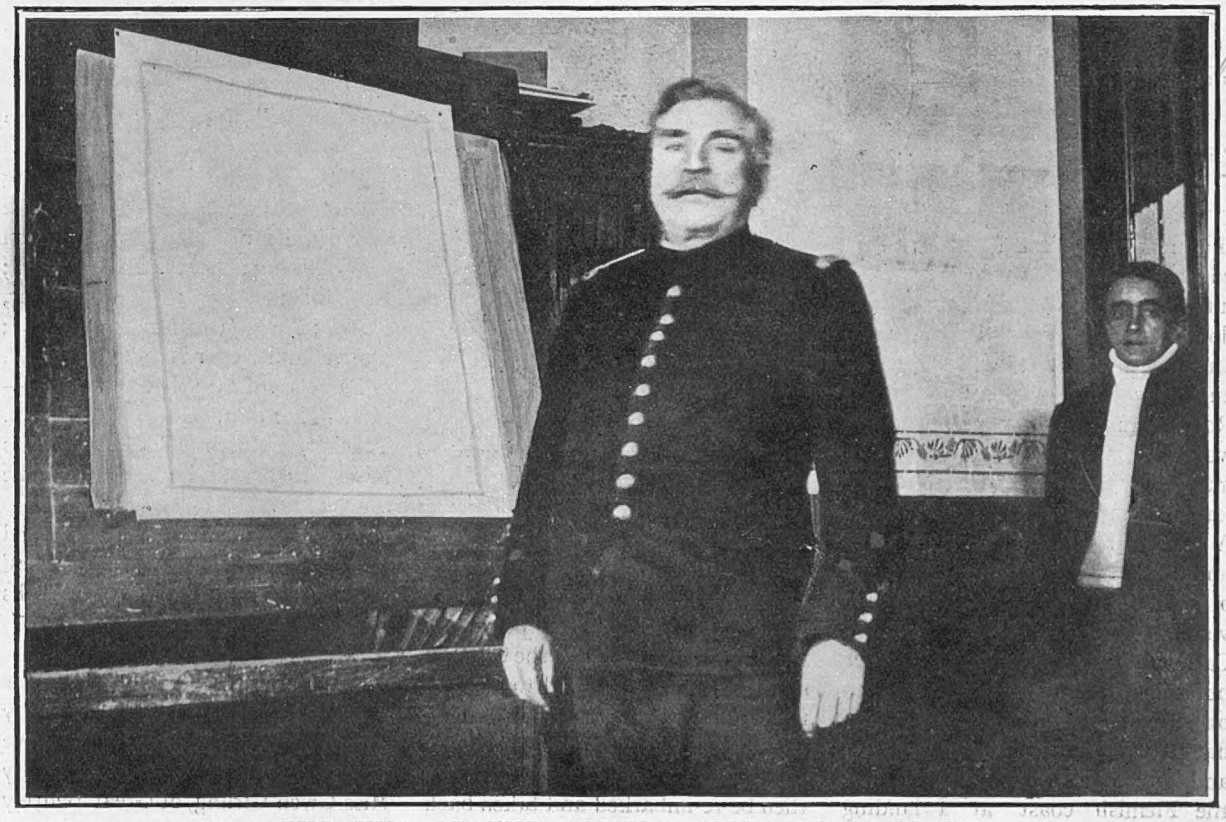
There's Safety in London

Tests of bomb-droppings over London—with dummy bombs, of course—are reported to have been already made, with the result that a missile hurled at—say—Charing Cross—landed safely without the four mile radius of that centre. Residents in the suburbs may decide, therefore, that the safest place to escape bombs hurled on London is—London.



THE HUB OF THE ALLIED ARMIES IN FRANCE

The latest photograph of General Joffre, taken at his head-quarters on November 29 last

BYSTANDER COMMENTS (continued)

After meeting, without any formality whatever, but with extreme cordiality, on a quiet country road in France, King George and King Albert, accompanied by the Prince of Wales, crossed the frontier into Belgian territory, where they held a review of some of the Belgian troops. They are here seen about to pass through their lines

"Satisfactory Progress"

The latest German prayer, in use in all regiments, is "God punish the English," to which—as an afterthought, apparently—is added, "May God punish the English." The German admission, for the first time, that the Deity has at least some option in the matter is a sign of progress.

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Easily Found

LOST, large plain SKUNK MUFF, advertises a lady in *The Times*. Has she looked for him at a professional football match?

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"Kales" and the Sequel

The German re-naming of Ostend as "Kales," in order to delude the new levies from the land of education and culture, throws a lurid light on their mysterious doings at and around Zeebrugge, and we are able to state on the authority of our very own Rotterdam correspondent, that the works being carried out in the murky background are not of fortification but of architecture. A large area has been rapidly immersed in a special preparation of artificial fog, in which is dimly visible the outline of St. Paul's Cathedral and a number of smaller buildings. German troops are to be shipped on board two or three flat-bottomed transports one night and landed at a point further along the Flemish coast at a landing station which will bear the name "Dover." After a short railway journey (with blinds down), the troops will come within sight of the fog-bound "city," which they will be told is London: a few Belgian villagers, with special long legs and protruding front teeth, smoking pipes, will be dressed up in loud check suits, and generally made to look like perfidious Englishmen, and each of the German invaders is to be allowed to behave frightfully to these. Having done this, and consumed enormous quantities of alleged English beer, they will then be re-imbarked and taken back to "Kales," where they will be heralded as the first conquerors of England.

SIGNOR SALANDRA

The Italian Premier, whose powerful speech on the re-assembling of the Italian Parliament was aptly summed up by one of the Deputies present in the sentence, "One more word would have meant a declaration of war"

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Why We Abuse the Kaiser

A German reader writes to ask why illustrated weeklies such as THE BYSTANDER should join in the "vulgar attacks on the person of the Kaiser." I will tell him the real reason. Like the rest of the British, we are a commercially minded lot, and the war has caused us to cancel a large amount of our stock of seasonable, Christmassy pictures. Therefore, of course, we abuse the Kaiser!

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"Bystander" Toys for the Belgian Children

I have pleasure in acknowledging on behalf of THE BYSTANDER Toy Fund for the Belgian Children the following:—R. F. Hall, £1 1*s.*; L. Williams, 5*s.*; Sympathiser, 2*s.* 6*d.*; Anon (Lydbury North), 2*s.*; Dorrie and Roger Dearden, 10*s.* 6*d.*

Parcels of toys, etc., from:—Mrs. Thomson, Camberley; Mrs. Teacher, North Berwick; Miss Rose Murray and friends, Colville Square, W.

Contributions should be addressed to the Secretary, Belgian Refugees' Toy Fund, THE BYSTANDER, Tallis House, London, E.C.

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A Correction

In acknowledging £1 sent by Miss Cooper, I should have mentioned that it was collected by Miss Gwen Girling, of Great Bentley (age 5).

Making History

WILHELM THE MISUNDERSTOOD: "Kolossal, my dear Hollweg!! A few more speeches like yours and we shall almost begin to believe it ourselves!!"

(The Chancellor's speech accused Britain of having been responsible for the war!!!)

BY E. T. REED

BYSTANDER COMMENTS (concluded)

Paris Is Herself Again—

I have received a very courteous letter from Monsieur C. N. Saglio, director of *La Vie Parisienne* (and consequently a man whose word can be relied upon), assuring me that things in the Quartier Latin in Paris are not nearly so black as they were painted by one of the contributors to our Christmas Number. I am heartily glad to hear that this is so, and that the famous quarter—of which most of us have heard so much and know so little—is still its gay, irresponsible self. The news is even calculated to make us Londoners somewhat envious.

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—To Our Entire Satisfaction

In explanation of the article in question I can only plead that, being a Christmas Number article, it had to go to press a long time before the date on which it actually appeared. It conveyed the impressions of a writer who visited Paris while the Hun was much nearer her gates than he now is, and we had every reason to believe them true when they were written. It is satisfactory to know—from a reliable source—that, since then, things have altered distinctly for the better in a city now joined to London by the closest ties.

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A Legal Protest

Mr. Justice Scrutton's amazement at the fact that he should be called upon to try an action about a golf competition is not quite approved by the legal profession as a whole. If anybody is fool enough to go to law about anything, he ought to be encouraged by the Bench. Anyway, such disputatious people are better kept away from the battlefield.

FUTURISTIC PORTRAIT OF A GERMAN SOLDIER WHO SAW MUCH SERVICE IN THE GREAT EUROPEAN WAR

By Chas. Grave

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Aptly Described

"Gradually the result of the bombardment of Zeebrugge by the British Fleet," says Reuter from Amsterdam, "is leaking through." As the destruction of the sluices was the result in question, "leaking through" just describes it.

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Christmas Fare at the Front

Yes, by all means send dessert to the troops at the front for their Christmas dinner. Oranges, grapes, and raisins are in chief demand. There are already plenty of Allemands.

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Limerick

Quoth a Turk as he fled o'er the Bosphorus,
"With Europe we're done; what a loss for us.
But our true friend the Kaiser,
Most noble adviser,
Is keeping a large Iron Cross for us."

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Now We Know

Lord Kitchener on the duration of the war: "It might last not less than three years. . . . It might last longer, it might end sooner. . . ." Almost we fear the War Minister is among the military experts.

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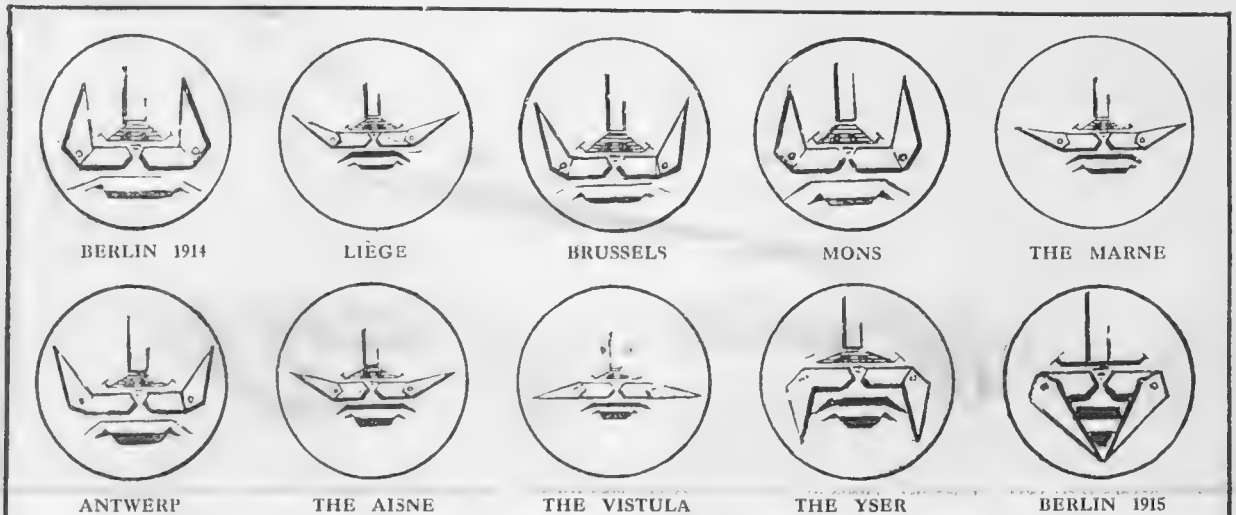
Ungrateful!

It is downright ungrateful of the Turks to complain of the flooding of the desert on their way to the Suez Canal. Only a week or two ago, they were complaining of the *lack* of water. Really, there is no pleasing some people.



THE LATEST GERMAN TOY: THE POTSDAM BAROMETER

BY T. CAMERON

What Invasion Entails on the Invader

AS SHOWN IN THE ANGLO-JAPANESE LANDING AT TSING-TAU

JAPANESE AND BRITISH LANDING AT LAO-SHAN-WAN BAY, TSING-TAU

THESE pictures of the Allied landing at Tsing-Tau come at a timely moment, as we are all busily discussing the chance of a German landing on our own shores. They show exactly what Britain and Japan had to do to land in the German colony, after having driven the German Fleet off the seas and reduced the fortress by a three months' siege. The Germans are credited with being able to land about ten times the same number of troops in twenty-four hours, with the British Fleet in command of the seas and a powerful British Army entrenched on the coast. To refute the proposition it is only necessary to state it!

LANDING JAPANESE ARTILLERY AT TSING-TAU

THE DÉBÂCLE OF THE ARTS

BY BASIL MACDONALD HASTINGS

THE war has put a great many people in their place, and no one so pointedly and completely as the artist. The teller of stories, the artisan of plays, the painter of pictures, the composer of music—all these have retired into the background formerly occupied by those of more prosaic professions. Youth and health are all that matter for the moment. Shoot straight, and your country will embrace you. For a brain behind spectacles there is not so much as a smile.

The shock to the world of artists has been tremendous, and there is, beyond any possible doubt, a great deal of want. Moreover, this suffering will go for the most part unrelieved, as the finer a man's soul, the prouder he is. The artist—the real artist—in need who will apply to a relief fund is a very rare bird, and it is a fact that certain organisations are at the moment in despair as to how to approach and discover the really deserving cases. When the revival will come no man can say, and how artistic standards will vary it is impossible to forecast. Of one thing we may well be sure. Those people who imagine that Bakst and Strauss and Sudermann are to be kicked overboard to make way for a healthy Eliot-Austen-Frith era will get a rude surprise.

During the horrible interregnum how are British artists disporting themselves? Their occupation temporarily gone, what work has God or Satan provided for their hands? The answer is not altogether pleasant. Far too many of them, suddenly unbalanced by the shock of the discovery of their utter unimportance, have plunged into a fierce advertising campaign. Those who have no military knowledge, or, rather, those who have not impudence enough to affect military knowledge, busied themselves by writing to the papers, taking back all they had said on former occasions in the pacificist cause. Indeed, the scramble to retract and apologise was not a little ridiculous. Others who had always said what they had said wrote in to say so again with extreme vigour, and soon got the newspaper commissions they expected. Yet another section broke out into poetry. And, when you come to think of it, if a man does not know the difference between a mitrailleuse and a mortar, what else can he do? (Obviously he might do nothing at all, but we are dealing here with gentlemen who must keep in the limelight at all costs.)

This poetry has been, for the most part, very, very trying. With the exception of Sir Owen Seaman and Mr. Lawrence Binyon nearly every verse-maker has fallen heavily. Poetry is such a test of the mental attitude. If you sit down to write some verses for a paper (and a cheque for guineas) and your view of the tragedy over the water is condensed in the pregnant phrase, "The Hun is at the Gate," it is extremely unlikely that the finished article will have that *élan*, let alone *moral*, which distinguishes the output of the consumptive genius from the so-many-words-a-day celebrity with an agent. Then the leading articles in the daily papers get such a hold of one. "Armageddon," "More Men," and, above all, that dreadful "A.B.C. of the Crisis," clog the imagination, and a certain sprightliness is unattainable. It is to the credit of the warm hearts of the English editors that what has been written has been published, but the advertisement managers have very good reason to complain about the diversion of so much potential business from their departments.

Not all have written poetry—Shaw, for instance! Here, indeed, is a pitiable case, one that makes one ashamed of one's humanity. A great original genius is acclaimed as such by his fellow countrymen. He is flattered and honoured and paid and overpaid. Shaw himself would never pretend that his writings were worth the wealth London has given him. He would claim that he was entitled to all the praise he has had. Perhaps he is right, but he should gratefully remember that few geniuses are applauded in their lifetime. What is England's reward from this pampered Celt? In the hour of her greatest trial he turns on her and stabs where he fancies he sees a vulnerable spot. Quite apart from the question as to whether his pamphlet is true or false—(though the political student knows that it mounts to a pinnacle of perversion)—think of the ingratitude of the man. Contemplate—if you can without impatience—the spectacle of this (in times of peace) spoilt lapdog of the British public burying his teeth in that same public in times of war. Bad—bad enough if he were sincere. But how utterly repugnant when we reflect that the motive is self-advertisement, and that the sentiments he expresses are adopted for the one purpose of attracting a too long distracted public attention to himself. Shaw, you are—the Editor may Buckmaster me, but I will write it for my own satisfaction—you are an . . . ! (Buckmastered—Ed.)

Who's Who with the Enemy

ON THE EASTERN FRONT

THE KAISER

Who arrived on the Eastern scene—after a conference with his Chancellor at Luxemburg

GENERAL MACKENSEN

Leader of the German forces operating at Lodz, who is credited in Berlin—but not elsewhere—with having taken 40,000 Russian prisoners

GENERAL VON HINDENBURG

The German national hero of the moment. He is seen on the right in the picture

"Do They Really Think That of Me?"

THE GERMAN CROWN PRINCE PHOTOGRAPHED ONCE AGAIN "EN FAMILLE"

As H.I.H. has recently declared in an interview that the war is "senseless, stupid and unnecessary," his reappearance in the rôle of a family man is perhaps a hint of coming events. Will he be instrumental in securing peace as he was in securing war? Referring to the charge of looting, the Prince laughed and said, "Do they really think that of me?"

One can, thank God, put one's finger on no Shavian ally, but very few of the literary leopards have changed their spots. Wells will be Wells, I suppose, and no earthly power can save any earthly thing from being Arnold-Bennetted. But, really, might we not fairly ask our wealthier authors not to plunge their pens into army corps, not to dry their inkings with saltpetre? Is it necessary? Are you really so timorous that the British public will forget you? Do you really feel that it is preferable to proclaim your ignorance to the housetops than to sit at home unpublished and unboomed? If you only knew how comical your military opinions are even to the uninitiate? But perhaps you know—and don't care. You get the advertisement. But oh! my artistic soul! (My uncle!)

The theatre has behaved just as one might have expected. Because of the darkening of streets at night the receipts dropped. The theatre manager immediately took off his play and put up a "revival." He never stopped to say to himself, "If I play to £60 a performance with a new play, how much shall I play to with a revival?" Such common sense reflection is beyond him. He revived an old success and played to £30 a performance—and grumbled! The public do not want revivals. They do not want cowardice. A good new play will draw now—and draw good money. I am thinking of *Peg of My Heart* and *Potash and Perlmutter*. And the profits might be abnormally good for the manager, inasmuch as all actors and stage employees are prepared to take smaller salaries.

The columns of theatrical advertisements are just now a tragical spectacle, apart from that blazing item, *The Dynasts*. We are at war. Therefore there is on the theatre a vast responsibility. The amusement of the depressed population is a patriotic duty. The theatre managers' idea of performing their duty is to revive "——," "——," and, above all, "——." Ye Gods! (But we must not blame the managers alone. The author is just as cowardly. If the manager has an option on a new play by an established author, and wants to do it just now, the author will do all in his power to prevent him.)

When Europe is a new Europe—(it will never be itself again!)—the artist will assuredly again climb his ladder. He will once more enjoy his place in the sun and bask and fatten as in the long ago days before last August. But in what direction, on what lines he will employ his talent he himself cannot say. Ask him. He is at a loss. He must watch and wait with the rest of us. If a guess will be pardoned, I venture to forecast a revival of romanticism. Don't forget that this war will mean in its final outcome a great triumph for Catholicism, whether Roman or Greek. Rationalism of the Nietzschean variety and Materialism are hard hit now, and will be harder hit. Protestantism is unaffected, but it never had anything to do with the arts. I admit that I am only guessing—but so are all. The novels that are written but unpublished, the plays that are—interned, the pictures that will be hung, war or no war, may be valueless. There will be newer tastes. And the men who can satisfy the new tastes will be the gods. Big men will fall low and little men will rise high. That is healthy—a splendid warning for our children's children. The war did not come too soon for the world of art, and the antics of its chief British protagonists since the outbreak show this to be true. In the year of the Lord, 1914, there is something rotten in a great many States, and one of them is—not Denmark! B. M. H.

IF IT COMES TO DOGS——!

What It Is to be a Hero

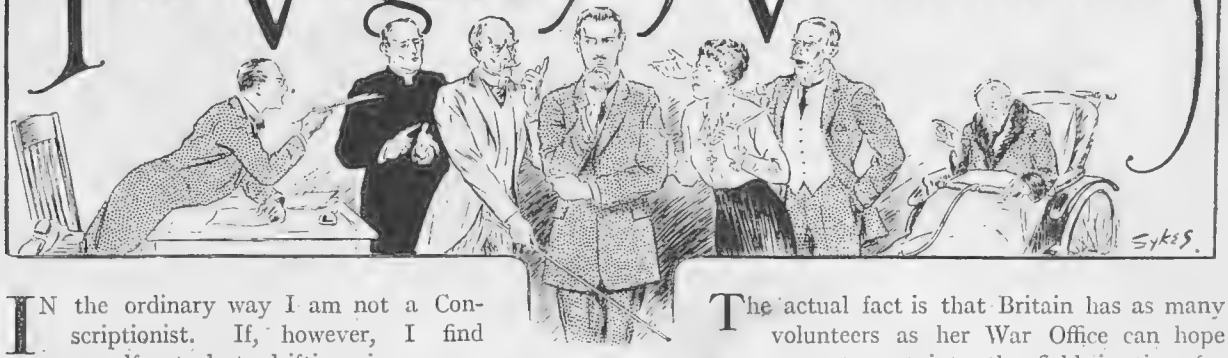
DEAR KIND OLD SOUL: "Do you know, this is the first time I have ever been in the same room with a man in khaki. It does bring the horrors of war home to one, doesn't it?"

"Nothing to Report in the Vosges"

A REASON WHY PROGRESS IS SLOW ON THE EASTERN FRENCH FRONTIER

Our Ally, France, has a corps known as the Chasseurs Alpins, specially trained for mountaineering work. These chamois-like soldiers have already given a good account of themselves in the Vosges, where the difficult nature of the "going," as shown in this illustration, doubtless explains the frequency with which the official communiqués tell us that "there is nothing to report" in that region

The Vulgarity of Voluntarism



By "DOWNWRITER"

IN the ordinary way I am not a Conscriptionist. If, however, I find myself at last drifting in that direction it is on grounds largely æsthetic. I have a rooted dislike of vulgarity, and I am of opinion that Voluntarism, whatever its graces in the past, is at the present moment proving itself a vulgar method of swelling the ranks of the national Army. It is presenting Britain to the world in an utterly undignified attitude, contrasting deplorably with that of the other European States.

Other nations—France, Russia, Germany, Austria, even the smaller States—are sending into the field or keeping ready armies which represent the available military manhood of the country. Those that are not at the front, or ready to go, are people whose very absence from it certifies them as unwanted by the State. They remain at the back with the *right* to be there, and to conduct whatever civil, commercial, or artistic business there is to be done. They eat and drink, and sleep, read the papers, form opinions on the origin and conduct of the war, preserve the good appearance of the cities and the general tenour of national life, and in so doing are able to present to the world a picture of national sang-froid and dignity. That is because of Conscription—because the Government takes its soldiers as it wants them, and leaves those it doesn't want free to go the ways of their lives unmolested.

In Britain there is no such picture of national dignity. To be an able-bodied citizen at large, engaging in any kind of civil business, is heralded by the papers and by speakers on platforms to be something quite contemptible. Though the Government does not want anything like the whole able-bodied population in the ranks, and if it did could not keep, clothe, train, or equip more than a fraction of them, an able-bodied man at large is looked on by many people as a sort of scandal. You cannot go to a café or a theatre, walk along the streets, or ride in a taxi-cab without being told that you have no business to be so doing, for your King and Country need you. The papers carry on so thoroughly the business of abusing their fellow-countrymen for slackness, etc., that they enable the enemy Press to proclaim to the world that Britain's heart is not in the war: that her people have to be bribed, bullied, and cajoled into entering the Services. As a result, we have the feeling of being, in the eyes of our neighbours, a nation that has lost its dignity.

The actual fact is that Britain has as many volunteers as her War Office can hope to put into the field in time for them to be of any conceivable use in the present war. It is obvious that a few hundred thousand more British soldiers in France *now* would be able to turn the scale to victory. But the fact that they are not ready is not the fault of the young men of Great Britain. They were never warned by their Government in the years before that there was the slightest possibility of half a million or so of them being wanted to fight the Germans in France or Belgium. The fact that we were under obligation to fight for France and Belgium was never admitted in Parliament or Press. The utmost we had hitherto been asked to do was to volunteer to defend the Englishman's Home, and even that was said to be a remote contingency in view of our overwhelming Navy. Germany's intentions towards us were represented in the Government Press and platform as so innocent that it was even thought we might cut down our Navy Estimates.

On behalf of the manhood of Great Britain, I denounce the insults that are daily levelled upon them by the busybodies. I say that they have responded to the call to arms in a way that is creditable to the highest degree, and that if there are not more of them than there are, it is as much due to the failure to make proper arrangements as to anything else. Voluntarism has done what was expected of it; but if at the expense of national dignity, it has been done at too great a price. I would almost rather have England dignified than England free. When the first appeals were made, every man who could volunteer, or was inclined to do so, volunteered. The Government got half a million men who were willing to risk their lives in the cause (chiefly) of Belgium and France; half a million of Territorials were willing to serve their country at home, or on garrison duty overseas.

The Government squeezed Voluntarism dry in the first few months. If it wanted more men, and further appeals did not bring them, its duty was to call them up by compulsion. But that, you say, is against the practice of Great Britain? Let us look into this matter, please. How far would it be a departure from British practice to compel a young man to enter the service of the King at a moment of emergency? Are we not already compelled to do

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The Two Extreme

OPTIMISM

# of Public Opinion

PESSIMISM

BY DOUGLAS MACKENZIE

(Continued from page 349)

a very large number of things? Were not horses, motors, bicycles, houses, gardens, fields, warehouses, businesses, railways, steamships, "conscripted" into the service of the State at the beginning of the war? If our property, why not our persons? In times of peace, are we not compelled to have our babies registered, vaccinated, our children educated; is not insurance compulsory? Are we not compelled to serve on juries, to give evidence in court, to regulate the speeds of our motors, to light up at given times? We do a legion of little things compulsorily; why not one big thing?

Ah, but is it so much better that our soldiers should be volunteers? Yes, if they *are* volunteers, as were the first half million. But the second lot, recruited as a result of pressure by squires, parsons, retired officers, employers, schoolmasters, leader-writers, politicians, cartoonists, poets, music-hall singers, and old women of all sexes, are not volunteers; they are conscripts, but conscripted by the wrong people in the wrong way. They have gone in because it would have been so infernally unpleasant to have stayed out. In what way does such a "volunteer" differ from the conscript? He goes no more willingly because he is hounded there by somebody without authority who calls him a skunk and a slacker than he would were he taken there by somebody with authority who calls him a fine young fellow. An Englishman is the most law-abiding person in the world, and if the law's the law, he'll abide by it, more or less. But he has a rooted dislike to being hustled into a thing by his fellow-creatures. Young Brown will be taken into the service by Kitchener, but he's blowed if he'll be kicked into it by old Smith.

I see that this stigmatisation of every young man at large as a "slacker," etc., has led many people —particularly Civil servants, bank clerks, and workers on army supplies, who are just not allowed to enlist—to demand some "badge" from the Government. But why should a man have to be badged in order to escape being badgered? Far better for the Government to issue bags, in which should be compulsorily placed the heads of all persons who officiously and offensively poke their noses into other people's business. A jack-in-office is a tiresome enough person, in all conscience, but he is preferable to a jackass-out-of-office.

Directly the voluntary movement stood in need of stimulus of the kind it has got during the last few weeks, the voluntary movement, however successful in its figures, became vulgar. For the next step, on behalf of the manhood of Great Britain, I say to the Government: If it wants yet more men, and is in a position to train them, let it decide how many it wants, and put into force the Act that would enable them to enrol them. Let it decide on the class of man who is naturally the best fitted to serve, but once it has taken its men, let the rest of the public be left alone to go about its business free from the insufferable insults of hectoring busybodies. I plead that on the ground, as I have said, of national dignity. The whole of a nation cannot go to war. The non-combatants of great Continental cities go their way, confident that if the Army wants more men it has the power to call them up. One does not find foreign newspapers manipulating their war news with the sole idea to raise "scare" recruits. One does not find leading articles in the foreign Press and speeches by foreign statesmen devoted to advertising to the world that the youth of the nation are slackers or ignoramuses. That, however, is the position in Great Britain at the moment, and if Voluntarism has brought us to such a position, it is time something else were tried. If England needs men, let men raise them, by the methods of men.

DOWNWRITER

An illustration of the evil effects of the vulgarity of voluntarism referred to by our contributor. Kitchener is represented in the above German cartoon as compelled to recruit Suffragettes in place of the reluctant male. Such cartoons derive their inspiration from the British newspapers, which persist in deriding British youth, despite the fact that a million and a quarter of them have answered the call to arms

An Ally in the Cause of Art

Photograph *Arbuthnot*

MLLE. NINON DAVE

One of the talented company of Belgian artists now playing in the successful Comedy "Ce bon Monsieur Zoetebeek," at the Criterion Theatre

The Light Side of Hospital

BY THE BYSTANDER IN PARIS

THERE were three of them, and I was handing round the cakes and cream. Two of them were having trouble with their veils. The third one didn't wear a veil, and her hat had no particular date, and her dress was cut in severe lines, and she was that kind of woman altogether. The other two were, respectively, charmingly French and charmingly English. One used to be an actress (though her enemies never admitted it) till last July. The other one has never done anything except charm, so far as I know, but she has always done that very well.

The third lady used to be a Suffragette. Since the war began her attitude in life has remained one of disapproval, and to the best of my belief that is her principal occupation too. When she dislikes anybody particularly she calls them "dear." You must have met her. The two frivollers played with their tea and their veils, and while the other woman munched toast aggressively. "Ah, well," said the English one, as she finished and went through the delightful and inevitable repairs to the complexion which tea necessitates, "Ah, well, this *is* enjoyable a f t e r hospital!" The other one tried to see whether the exact modicum permissible of powder was on her nose, in a looking-glass about as big as a florin, pouted her lips as she pulled her veil down, and remarked that the monotony of work in hospital was killing.

The tailor-made lady had watched the powdering and prinking with stern disapproval in every crease of her "sensible" boots, but had watched it in silence. Her lips tightened a little now, she smiled (I hate her more than ever when she smiles), and said, "I wonder that either of you wastes your time in hospital if you find it so dull, *dear*." There was a little ripple of laughter. "It is dull," said the Frenchwoman. "I've got a black man in my ward, a Sénégalais. He is charming!" "I dislike black men," said the tailor-maid. (We spell it that way sometimes). "And I, I have always been frightened of them, me," said Petite Madame. "But this one, he is adorable! The other day I asked him what he would like me to bring him to-morrow. He said, '*Beaucoup de chocolat*.' I told him it was ugly" (*vilain* is the French word, and 'not quite nice' is what she meant) "to ask for much chocolate like that.

He said, '*Toi pas comprendre. Moi pas vouloir pour moi*.' I knew how fond he was of chocolate, and shook my finger at him. '*Toi, pas dire verti*,' I said, because that is the language the Sénégalais understands. The man in the next bed, who is very badly wounded, and rather weak, heard the word 'chocolat,' and reached carefully for a tablet next to him. '*Tiens, vieux*,' he said, 'take what you want.' The black man smiled all over. Then as I returned half the tablet for him, '*Moi, merci toi*,' he said to his comrade. And to me, '*Toi tenir promesse, apporter chocolat demain*.' I nodded. The black man's black face broke into the big wide smile again. '*Demain moi offrir beaucoup toi*,' he said to the other man." Tailor-Maid grumphed.

Miss Biggs—we all call her Miss Biggs because she is so tiny—chuckled at the grumphing lady. "*She* came to see us yesterday, and talked to the wounded Tommies in the ward," she said. Petite Madame burbled. "*J'aurais bien voulu voir ça!*" she said. Tailor-Maid tried to look as though they were talking about somebody else. "I think," said Miss Biggs, "that you thought you were visiting in the parish, didn't you, dear?" And the way she said "dear" with a clip at the end of it was such a quaint parody of the Tailor-Maid's parochial manner that I had to bite the inside of my lips to keep serious. "I don't think I like common soldiers," said Tailor-Maid. "All soldiers are uncommon," said Miss Biggs. "Didn't you find them so?" Tailor-Maid got up and said she was sorry she had to go. Then the three women kissed, as women will.

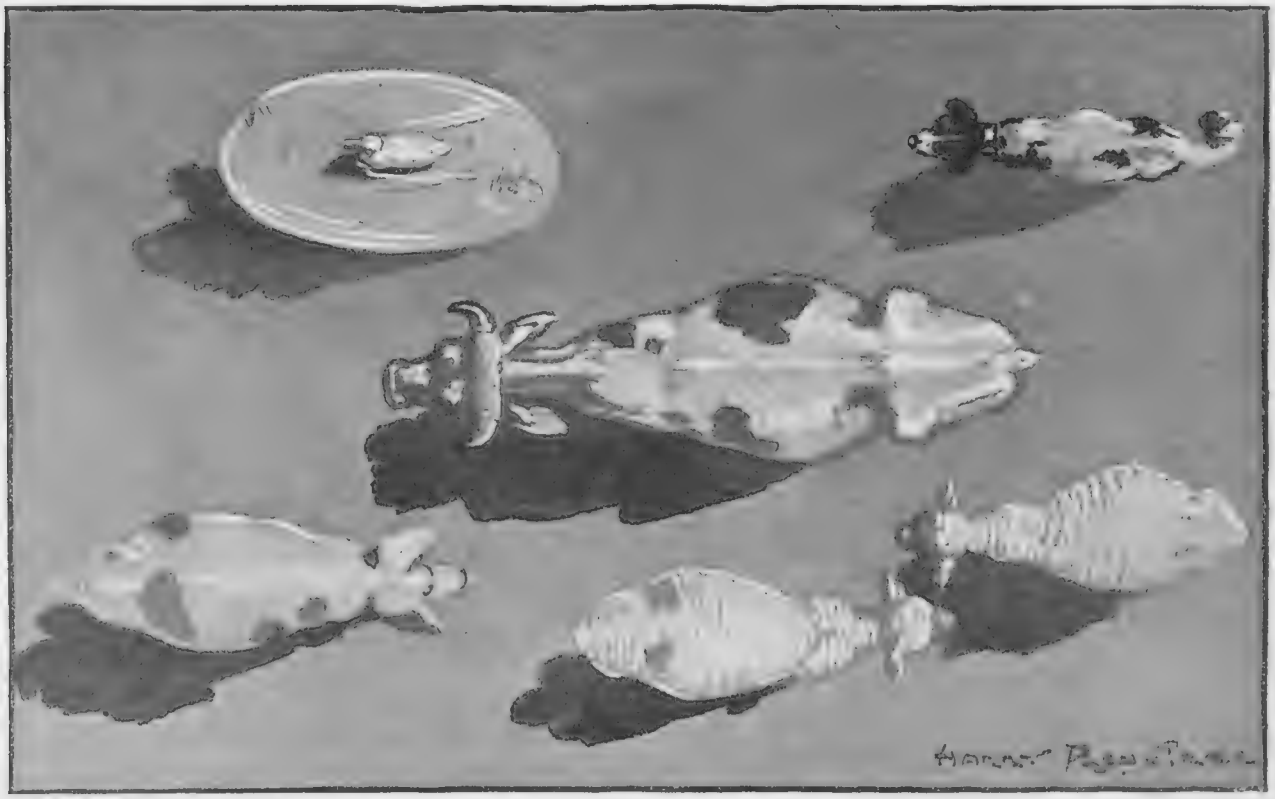
When she had gone Miss Biggs laughed at her thoughts, shook her curls at us, and told us what had happened. T h r e e men, one after the other, had whispered, "Tracts, I s'pose," at Tailor-Maid's approach, and had pretended to go to sleep. Tailor-Maid had taken up a position by No. 4's bed, and called him "My good man," a form of address which Tommy invariably detests, varying it with "poor fellow" which he detests, if anything, much more. Then she had been sympathetic. Tommy's mouth was a toothless cavern. "My poor fellow," Tailor-Maid had said, shuddering at it, "was it a bullet?" "No, mum, a biscuit!" Tommy answered.

JOHN N. RAPHAEL

How to Hoodwink the Zeppelins

THE LATEST DEVICE FOR DISGUISING LONDON

A FAMILIAR SCENE SOMEWHERE IN THE CITY



ZEPPELIN-EYE VIEW OF THE SAME SCENE

More News by Liarless from Berlin

COMMUNICATED BY WALTER EMANUEL

[Mr. Emanuel's First Series of "News" was published in book form a few weeks ago]

ENGLISHMEN are now realising that it showed considerable foresight on the part of the Government to allow Sir Ernest Shackleton to start on his expedition, although the war had broken out, for it is just possible that, when Peace is sued for, we shall allow "Great" Britain to retain a piece of land in the South Pole region to prevent her being entirely blotted out from the map of the world.

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Instances of the petty-mindedness of the English continue to accumulate. At the beginning of the war many persons renounced their baptismal name of William—to the delight of the All-Highest, who is not anxious to have his name sullied. Last week a patriot went even further, and declared that he would never pay another Bill. However, the Courts of Law had something to say as to this, and this precious fellow is now in prison.

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It is seldom, indeed, that one can peruse an English paper without gaining some useful information. For example, we learn from a letter from a Captain H. L. Cabuche, published in the *Daily Chronicle*, that England's hireling soldiers are at last rising against the egregious General French, who refuses to allow them to return home. "We struck Sir John French on his rambles round to-day," says an illuminating passage in this letter.

We struck Sir John French on his rambles.

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The English deny that they are sending their gaol-birds to fight us. What value is to be attached to such denials may be gathered from the following callous statement published recently in the London *Daily Mail*: "Forty-eight members of the Central Criminal Court Bar Mess are with the forces."

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It has also been indignantly denied that they ever make improper use of their Red Cross services and hospitals. From the same paper we cull the following confession: "Liverpool merchants yesterday raised £7,000 in seven minutes towards the cost of a *base* hospital at the front." The italics are ours.

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Yes, the Censor must really be more careful. Accounts of British atrocities are, as a rule, not to be found in British papers, their readers being too sensitive to stomach them; but the following paragraph slipped into the *Daily Express* the other day: "The Council of the Royal United Service Institution announce that, in addition to the first field gun captured from the Germans, they now have on view in the museum a collection of German military *headpieces*." Even the English have never yet accused us of decapitating our prisoners. Such acts, we suppose, are the prerogatives of the Humanitarians.

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Quite a feature now of London restaurant life are the angry outbursts on the part of choleric Londoners who, now that our brave countrymen refuse to serve them, have to put up with inefficient Englishmen. These, as often as not, are drunk, and an incident which happened the day before yesterday in the grill-room of a Piccadilly restaurant is the talk of the town. An old gentleman said: "Waiter, put me on a chump chop." At this the waiter, who was inebriated, took the instruction literally, and, seizing hold of the unfortunate individual, lifted him off his chair, carried him to the grill, and dumped him down heavily on a sizzling chump chop. As the old gentleman was a valuable customer more is likely to be heard of this.

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"During the recent racing at Aintree," says a London paper, "which is normally a happy hunting-ground of the pickpocket, not a single case of theft was reported to the police." The explanation of this is as obvious as it is satisfactory to any thoughtful person. Owing to the economic pressure exerted by Germany the pockets of everyone in the British Isles are now quite empty.

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The real reason why the Prince of Wales was suddenly sent abroad has now transpired. It was discovered that His Royal Highness was frittering away his fund of close upon four million pounds in cigarettes and lollipops, and it was deemed inadvisable to entrust so young a gentleman any longer with so large a sum.

constant bickerings

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Moreover, for some time past all had not been *couleur de rose* at Buckingham Palace. The constant bickerings and quarrels between Princess Mary and the Prince of Wales, due to the fact that the former resented her brother's fund being twelve times as large as hers, were fast becoming a public scandal.

He is Still Waiting

An eminent Berlin artist has been three months at the front waiting to paint a picture from life—commissioned by the Kaiser—of the German Army marching to victory

A Patriotic Play and Polyglot Playfulness

BY "JINGLE." ILLUSTRATED BY NORMAN MORROW

"THE FLAG LIEUTENANT" AT THE HAYMARKET

IT is not every manager who has the good fortune to possess a ready-made play to fit these unexpectedly exciting times and Mr. Frederick Harrison is to be congratulated accordingly. To begin with, the authors of the piece, Major W. P. Drury and Major Leo Trevor, are two gallant officers now in the Khaki that is destined to Krush the Kaiser's Kultur; while the story itself is a delightfully breezy yarn of the doings ashore and afloat of the British Marine, "soldier and sailor too." I am obliged to take it for granted that the nautical colour is correct in every detail. Even if it were not, I am not competent to criticise it, since, whatever I may be, I am no authority on the sea—except, perhaps, as regards its devastating effects on unaccustomed sailors. In which respect I think I may claim to speak *ex cathedrâ*, as it were.

Apart from the invigorating "atmosphere" and the really admirable acting of the piece, its sentiments are so thoroughly British that it would seem to be the merest patriotism to support an entertainment of this kind just now. Besides, a play that comes to its dramatic conclusion with a Royal salute of guns, and the National Anthem, is practically commanding success. People who saw the play on its first appearance will remember the light-hearted sailor who goes out to do "his little bit" in the face of almost certain death, and then gives the credit of the feat to his friend because the dear old chap had been waiting for so many years for a chance to earn promotion. The scene of the little fight against fearful odds admirably reflects the stirring events of the hour, and the inextinguishable cheerfulness of the men in action is no more than a commendable repetition of what is common knowledge to-day. The revival of *The Flag Lieutenant* is a happy enterprise, being, as it is, a sermon for the times preached in the jolliest and most interesting manner conceivable.

Richard Lascelles, the Flag Lieutenant of the piece has a representative of distinguished appearance in Mr. Godfrey Tearle; and the friend for whom the great sacrifice is made, Major Thesiger, is played by Mr. Allan Aynesworth, with all the force and dignity that such a part requires. As the pleasantly designing widow, who practically has to do her own proposing, Miss Ellis Jeffreys is one of the delights of the piece. An extremely able portrait of a retired General who has sunk to the level of a mere suburban gossip, is given by Mr. O. B. Clarence, while the General's shrewish wife is vigorously played by Miss Helen Haye. The mounting of the piece is quite elaborate and the scene of the brisk little skirmish with the Bashi Bazouks is beautifully exciting. Those of us who have lived at peace with our Continental neighbours for the best part of a lifetime find it a little difficult to grasp all at once the noisy and far-reaching character of the present untidy conflict, and a little wholesome realism of this kind on the stage comes to us as a useful eye-opener.

MADAME HANAKO

The dainty Japanese actress, as she appears in the playlet "Otake." Mme. Hanako now takes part in the very mixed burlesque of "East Lynne" at the Ambassadors Theatre

THE AMBASSADORS THEATRE AGAIN

The cosmopolitan nature of our Allied Armies makes this theatre an object of continuous interest at the present moment. The latest novelty here is the introduction into the successful revue, *Odds and Ends*, of a burlesque of the well-known and justly celebrated drama, *East Lynne*, in which the Allies are completely represented. For instance, the pathetic part of "Little Willie" is taken by M. Morton, the exquisitely droll French comedian; while the weeping mother is quaintly represented by Madame Hanako. The heavy father (with whiskers) is played by M. Raucourt, the Belgian actor, and Miss Millie Sim is a very competent representative of the "pure English" element. The difficulty of securing a representative Russian actor has been quite tactfully surmounted. The Russian's name is Mr. J. M. Campbell; but though he hails from Aberdeen it is explained by the resourceful management that he is obviously one of the Russians who, as is now well-known, recently passed through this country from north to south, and were the recipients of so many cigarettes and other timely presents. The fact that each of the performers in the touching drama speaks in his or her own language, while it adds absolutely nothing to the elucidation of the story, considerably increases the genial nonsense of the burlesque.

It is interesting to note the change in the item, *My Lady's Undress*, since the Censor laid a chilling hand on Mlle. Delysia's very free interpretation of her part. It was, it appears, the unblushing removal of her stockings that shocked the very sensitive authorities, and this part of the entertainment is now, therefore, conducted behind a prudent screen. The stockings are hung over the screen one by one, and then as though Mlle. Delysia considered that the screen atoned for all, they are followed by the one distinctively feminine garment of all time. I think myself the Censor would have done better if he had left well alone.

JINGLE

The Right Sort of Revival

Experience has shown that it is not given to every revival to achieve success, however popular the play revived may have originally been. But at the Haymarket last week there was abundant evidence that the idea of reviving "The Flag Lieutenant" was a good one, for the play possesses a "raison d'être" in the note of patriotism which it strikes. Furthermore it is quite as well acted as was the original

The Christmas Shilling

A SIMPLE WAY OF HELPING THE QUEEN'S WORK FOR WOMEN FUND

BY "EFEMERA"

IF you were told that in a certain country the women already considerably outnumbered the men, that as the result of a desperate war the disproportion between the sexes was steadily increasing, and that, moreover, numbers of these women, through circumstances wholly beyond their control, had lost their means of livelihood, what would you say? And, more to the point, what would you do, supposing that the country were your own?

My dear madam, the country *is* your own and the problem is yours, mine, every woman's. In our midst there are tens of thousands of destitute women, thrown out of employment by the war; women who have been self-respecting, self-supporting members of the community. What these women want is not charity, but the chance to make an honourable living for themselves and their dependents. "Find them work," you say. But what work and in what way? Nothing can be considered that will take the precarious bread out of others' mouths. No light undertaking, you must admit. It is precisely this problem that the Queen's Work for Women Fund is designed to solve.

With the money already collected workrooms have been opened and Domestic Economy Experimental Training Schemes started in several parts of London, by means of which something like 2,000 women are enabled to earn a living wage. These women are engaged in the making of maternity outfits, cradles, etc. There is a scheme for the instruction of juveniles and for the training of sick-room helps. Arrangements have been made to provide training in the higher branches of the clerical profession, accountancy, languages, shorthand, typewriting, etc., for unemployed girls, who will be paid while preparing themselves for independent work.

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MRS. C. ARTHUR PEARSON

Hon. Treasurer of the Queen's Work for Women Fund. An account of the excellent work which is being carried out under the supervision of the Committe of this Fund is given on this page

The Central Committee of the Queen's Fund does excellent work through regular trade channels. The Contract Department has enabled about 130 firms of dressmakers, etc., to keep going when they would otherwise have been forced to reduce their staffs or shut down. Belts for the French Army, shirts, socks, are some of the contracts put out or under consideration.

For some of the unemployed women of the East End there are schemes of fruit pulping, vegetable drying, and training in fruit-growing and horticulture. Development of the toy trade for women workers is also under consideration. Outside London, schemes have been approved in about forty different centres. So much for present work at home.

If there is a large surplus female population in England it is not so in the Colonies, and it would seem reasonable for some, at least, of the Too Many to join the ranks of the Too Few. Australia has realised the situation, and with characteristic energy has come forward with an offer to the Queen to find work for her unemployed women. New South Wales, Victoria, and Queensland have promised to find employment as home helps and domestic servants for girls, not only those trained in the work, but typists, dressmakers, etc., and widows under thirty-five years of age with not more than two children. The young women will be taken to Australia for £1, the rest of the passage money (£2) to be paid in instalments during the first year after arrival. Her Majesty has herself appointed a sub-committee of her Work for Women Collecting Committee to deal with the offer, and a grant of £1,100 has been made from the Queen's Fund, which will pay the registration fee of £1 for 550 girls and give each one £1 in cash on landing. Free outfits will also be provided for the emigrants.

All this has been accomplished, but more remains to be done. Schemes, however excellent, require money to be carried out with any degree of adequacy. Already over £90,000 has been collected, but over £250,000 annually will be required for the schemes already approved and promoted. The Queen's Fund needs money, and makes an appeal to the women of the nation, an appeal which, especially at the Christmas season, should meet with a generous and ready response. As Mrs. C. Arthur Pearson, Honorary Treasurer to the Queen's Work for Women Fund, said to me: "Everyone is hard hit by the war, and but few of us realise the utter destitution and misery of those who have lost their all. We are only asking for spare shillings. Between December 7 and December 13 every woman who can afford it is asked to send a shilling to the Fund. If every woman gave a shilling at the present moment, you cannot imagine the joy and relief it would bring to thousands of stricken homes this Christmastide." Surely a shilling is little enough, and all who contribute will have the satisfaction of knowing that their gift has gone where it is most needed, has helped to bring a little Christmas cheer into some stricken home.

EFEMERA

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FURTHER NOTES ON WHAT TO BUY AND WHERE TO BUY IT

BY MRS. JACK MAY

Useful Gifts at Messrs. D. H. Evans'

NEVER before has so much ingenuity been exercised to provide gifts of a really useful, acceptable character for soldiers, since never before has the need arisen to a like extent. To-day practically everyone in the land is more or less intimately connected with the fighting corps, and anything that appeals as likely to be a welcome Christmas offering must inevitably arouse a considerable amount of interest. Messrs. D. H. Evans, Oxford Street, have laid themselves out with their usual spirit and enterprise to meet the demand with suitable presents for soldiers, prominent among which is an excellent correspondence and letter case. This is in real pigskin, the interior fitted with pockets for postcards, visiting cards, and photographs, the case when opened out revealing a larger inner pocket for notepaper and envelopes. It is all most compact and neat, the closed case measuring only 6½ by 4½in., and the price is the very moderate one of 4*s.* 11*d.* Also very neat is a folding mirror, 8 by 5½in., at 2*s.* 11¾*d.*, the strong polished wood case arranged so that the mirror can hang or stand, according to individual requirements.

Tinder lighters have already sprung into universal favour with our troops, and are to be found at D. H. Evans's in a variety of reliable qualities at a starting price of 1*s.*, and ranging up to silver models at 4*s.* 11*d.* and 7*s.* 11*d.*, the actual lighter sketched, in a good quality metal, costing from 1s. 6d. to 3*s.* 6*d.* Note should be made, too, of an excellent Sheffield knife, fitted with two blades, corkscrew, etc., complete with chain, 1*s.* 11¾*d.*

It has been reserved also for Messrs. D. H. Evans to bring out quite one of the nicest, most practical work-boxes that have ever been seen, the accompanying sketch faithfully revealing the open lid, equipped with various useful working impedimenta. The size of the box is 15in. high, 13in wide, and 11in. deep, so it will be readily understood the receptacle is sufficiently capacious to accommodate large pieces of work. When closed it forms a comfortable padded stool, the colouring of the pretty cretonné cover picked up in a plain lining. This novelty work-box should certainly be interviewed without delay, the very moderate price of 15*s.* 9*d.* adding appreciably to the charm. Also of great interest is the English Eau de Cologne manufactured exclusively for Messrs. D. H. Evans, a 2oz. bottle costing only 1*s.* 1*d.*

FOX TIE AND MUFF

Specially sketched for "The Bystander" at Messrs. Zerdin and Co.'s, Oxford Street

To be Read by Everyone

This is Zerdin's Fur Guide, which has just entered upon a fresh edition, and makes, as ever, the most interesting reading. No one, as a matter of fact, who is ignorant of peltry matters, should be without Zerdin's capital reference table, in which the names of all the different animals will be found arranged alphabetically, and, moreover, rightly named, while further on in the book short descriptions of the various pelts are given, where they hail from, what they are like, and so forth. One particularly illuminating piece of information, in the light of latter day peltry plagiarisms, relates that house cats from Holland, Bavaria, America, and Russia are all nowadays used in the fur trade, that the best black cat from Holland is used for coat linings, and that Genet is a small wild cat found in Europe and Asia.

Fur-farming, too, one learns from this fine authority, is flourishing. Such a project was originally regarded as a joke, but for twenty years experiments have been conducted, chiefly in secret, with the breeding of the priceless black fox, and several successful black fox farms have been in existence for some years now in Prince Edward Islands and other parts of Canada. There are likewise "Skunkeries" and "Minkeries." The entire book, however, overflows with interesting and well-written matter, all of which points to the really reliable knowledge of these furriers.

Zerdin, by the way, is a Russian firm of long and high standing at 357, Oxford Street, whence emanates the fox tie and muff illustrated, specially brought out at the moderate price of 5 guineas the set in view of Christmas gifts. In dealing with these people one always has the full guarantee that the fur purchased is exactly what it claims to be. They furthermore offer to refund any sum expended should the article not prove satisfactory. A perfectly safe offer, one surmises.

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is showing itself forth in bagginess beneath the eyes, relaxed face muscles, and a tell-tale sallowness, the result of lack of exercise, or perhaps long hours spent in crowded assemblies, doing some charitable work. Not a few, indeed, are breaking down under the pressure, and are well advised to turn to some form of enforced rest once or twice a week.

Personally, I find a treatment at the hands of Elvira, the famed beauty and health specialist, one of the most useful processes imaginable. Elvira has a particular method for relieving the pressure of tired eyes: it is quite unique, and yet so obviously right, towels wrung out in hot water playing an important part in the process. So alive is she to the importance of attending more than ever to the skin during the time of worry and trouble that she has appreciably reduced her fees during this war-time. And it is a real concession, because Elvira actually stands alone in her own particular walk of life.

In all truth may she be termed a specialist, since all her methods are individual, and carefully thought-out on the basis of a sound knowledge of hygiene and anatomy. Among the medical fraternity it is an accepted fact that trouble frequently causes obesity instead of loss of flesh. And in the handling of this superfluous adipose deposit Elvira has no rival. Broadly, her method is massage, but massage of a peculiar kind, an important factor being also a special reducing cream, that, together with every preparation employed by Elvira, is made under her own personal supervision.

Mayzone

Quite within recent days I have been brought into close touch with the efficacious results of this wonderful hair tonic. It was the case of a girl about twelve years of age, who had an abundance of fine hair which was entirely spoilt by lack of lustre, the hair looking dead, and hanging in a limp, dejected way. Someone said "Try Mayzone," and after the steady consistent use of one bottle the hair toned up, and now presents quite a different aspect.

The story of Mayzone has always interested me hugely. The recipe is in the possession of an old Cheshire family to whom it has been handed down from generation to generation. Fortunately for the community at large, some members of the present generation, responding to certain pressure, have been enterprising enough to turn it into an industry. And the success attending this has surpassed all expectations The tonic properties of Mayzone, of course, constitute the leading feature, but it will also be found delightful to use in a sick room, particularly the non-oily Mayzone de Luxe. This is delightfully cool and refreshing, and makes a capital substitute for Eau de Cologne, and, of course, it has the further inestimable advantage of being British throughout. The home address of the Mayzone Company is Rock Ferry, Cheshire, but there is a London depôt at 48, Brook Street.

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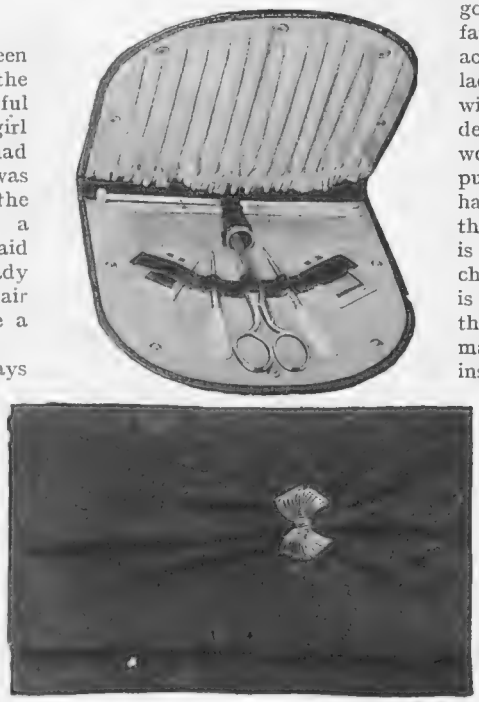
a speciality of Messrs. Best and Co., as a knitting-bag, since this extremely handy receptacle is equally useful for books, small papers, etc. But knitting, just now, almost screams to be written with a capital K, every woman and child in the land wielding the pins in busy construction of warm woollies for our brave men at the front. At ordinary times, perhaps, dainty work reticules of brocade and



SEWING-CASE IN "DORIC" MOROCCO AND BOW-KNOT ENVELOPE
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satin suffice to hold pins and wool, but when the work is never out of hand morning, noon, or night something far more serviceable is required, something that will stand wear and tear, journeyings in train, tram, or carriage, a possession that can be flung down anywhere in the full assurance that it will not disgorge its contents. Fulfilling all these exactions, and more, the "Cadogan" stands easily in the front ranks of reliable and desirable possessions.

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A Batch of Mark Cross Novelties

One learns with pleasurable surprise, in view of the fact that the leather goods business has hitherto been such a profitable field for German and Austrian manufacturers, that not a single article offered by Mark Cross, Ltd., of 89, Regent Street, W., is by makers of these alien nationalities. The firm has 1,300 employees in England making "Cross" leather goods and gloves. The far-reaching fame which "Cross" gloves have achieved is surely shared by the ladies' bags which the firm produces with great originality of conception in design and treatment. One noteworthy example of this contains a purse and a mirror mounted on a handle covered with silk to match the lining of the bag. This handle is attached to the bag by a neat chain. The handle of the bag is made in quite a new way, the leather or silk, as the case may be, being folded and sewn inside. The price if the bag if made from black fine grain genuine seal-skin, lined grey, brown, or purple watered silk, with gilt mounts, is 40*s*.; if from black watered silk, lined as above, 30*s*. The silk or the leather bag with dark purple lining and oxydised mounts may be had at the same price as for gilt mounts. A little vanity case is made from a new leather, satin morocco, which has the appearance of striped silk. The numerous gilt fittings (which also include a purse to match the case and attached by a neat chain) are skilfully placed in very small compass. This case is most ingeniously made and attractively finished, and forms a truly elegant gift. Price, 27*s*. 6*d*. Another article that is sure to be popular is the

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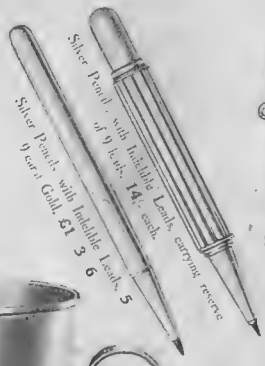

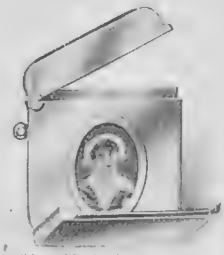

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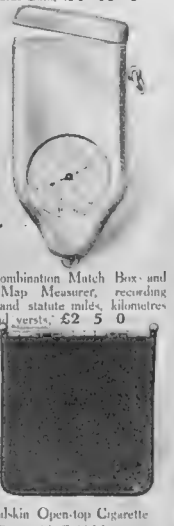

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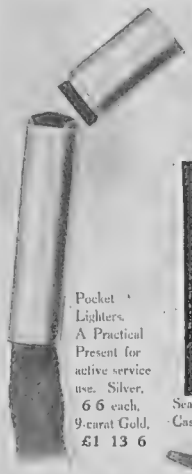

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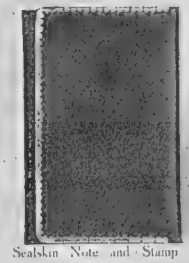

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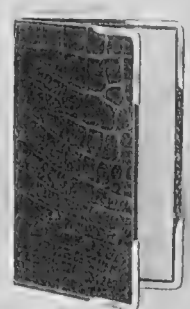

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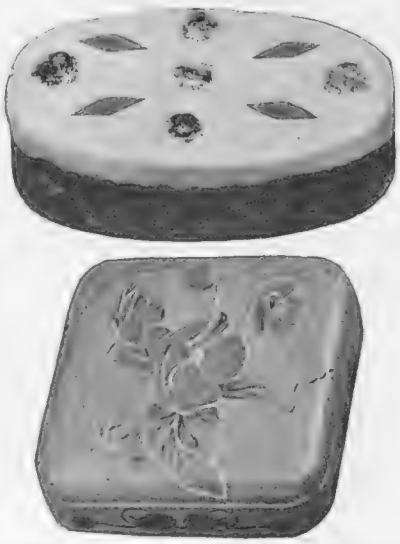

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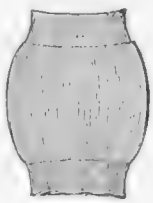

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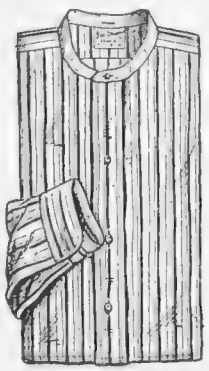

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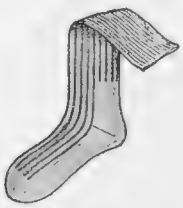

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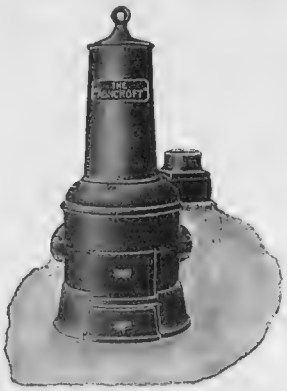

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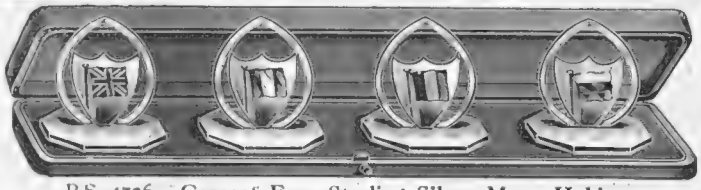

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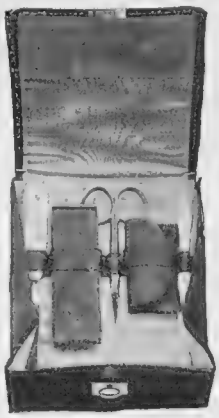

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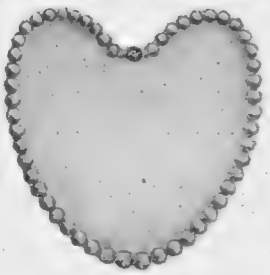

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I have been asked to give a few simple recipes that I know, either through personal use or by observation, to be valuable to the toilet, and which are within the reach of the average woman. In these days of £100 facial treatments and elaborate and expensive beautifying processes my suggestions may read like lessons in economy, but they are not especially so intended. They are merely practical suggestions, in which the keynote is "effectiveness." All the materials or ingredients which I mention are either already at hand in the home or may be readily procured from the chemist. Fortunately I do not suffer from the ailments or troubles enumerated below, but some people who are not so fortunate have told me their experiences, and with your permission I will set forth some remedies which they have found to be efficacious.

Complexion Renewals

Complexion experts advise me that a normal, healthy complexion is constantly renewing itself by dropping off tiny flakes of worn-out tissue, thus revealing the fresh young skin underneath. They say that when this process is checked by age, exposure or some of many causes, the complexion becomes dull and ugly. The rational treatment recommended is to help the skin perform the natural functions of "shedding" worn-out tissue. For this purpose, I am informed, there is nothing so good as pure mercolized wax, used for a few nights, just as you would use a face cream. It is claimed that it possesses a special affinity for the effete scarf-skin, which it quickly remove by absorbing it. The face, I am assured, will soon look much younger and prettier under this treatment.

The Curling Iron.

Don't use a hot iron to curl your hair. Some of my friends make the cunningest sort of curls wherever they want them simply by dampening the hair with liquid silmerine before retiring at night When the hair is dry in the morning it will be softly curly just where you want it to be. This method is perfectly harmless, even beneficial to the hair, and the curls last a long time. The liquid is quite pleasant and neither sticky nor greasy.

How To Shampoo.

Most women, I am informed, do not know how to use stallax properly when shampooing with it. Unless the hair is naturally very oily, a stallax shampoo may sometimes leave it rather dry. But I am told if you will apply olive oil freely to your hair and scalp just before shampooing with stallax the result is most delightful. The hair will be left clean, soft, bright and wavy, the olive oil having properly balanced the action of this wonderful hair cleanser.

Care of the Hair.

Dandruff, I am told, is the greatest enemy of the hair. I am informed that in many cases no hair tonic is needed, if only the scalp can be properly cleared and kept free from dandruff. Nature will usually do the rest. I believe a very excellent and very simple remedy for dandruff is a lotion which can be made up at home merely by mixing two ounces of the pure extract of barsyde with three ounces of bay rum. Rub into the scalp occasionally with the finger tips. The prompt and thorough manner in which it clears off the dandruff and stimulates the scalp is quite remarkable, so they tell me.

Grey Hair.

I have observed many attempts of many people to conceal grey hair. Some of these experiments were amusing, some disastrous, and some were successful. Personally, I believe I shall let my hair turn when the appointed time comes, but if I were going to try to evade it, I would give a trial to a real old "grand-mother" formula that would probably do the work. This formula, I am informed, has been used with degrees of success for many generations, and consists merely of one ounce of concentrate of tammalite mixed with four ounces of bay rum. It is applied to the grey hair a few times with a small sponge, and ladies tell me it appears to darken the hair to a natural shade, not like a dye, but gradually and naturally.

Miss Gladys Cooper.

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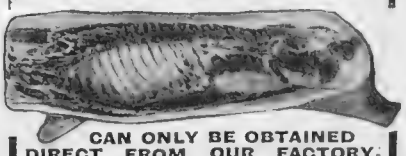

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Some Homely Affairs of the Car

By ALEX. J. M. GRAY

The Burden of Proof

IT seems that the suggestion of the Chief Commissioner of Police is not justified. He referred to an unpatriotic section of motorists who were driving dangerously and adding to the difficulties of the authorities whose attention was more than sufficiently occupied with national affairs of larger and graver importance. He accused these motorists of taking advantage of the suspension of the police-trap; and he pointed to the alarming increase in all fatalities caused by motor-car accidents as his justification for reviving the trap again. He also said that the absence of light apparently had nothing to do with it. I acknowledged the inconsiderate section, knowing it existed, having met it and loved it not, and being somewhat of the view that it should be treated drastically with an axe. But that section is very small to-day. Most of it is probably at the front. The little left has largely reformed—or bears O.H.M.S. on its machine. I denied the police-trap theory altogether, because it was of obvious absurdity; and I doubted if the Coroners' courts would support the Commissioner on the lights-out idea.

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No Case

But it certainly never occurred to me that the Commissioner had hardly any evidence at all against the driver of the motor-car. Mr. McKenna's fatality figures for July, August, September, and October are: Private motor-cars, 10, 13, 10, 13. I do not suggest that these are not important. I *do* suggest they do not justify the Commissioner's complaint against the private motorist only; or the revival of the police-trap set to catch the private motorist only. As sensibly revive the trap (which is useless and stupid anyway) because the fatalities from *horse*-drawn vehicles, which were thirteen in July, had increased to twenty in October. The other increases are shared by motor-'buses, taxicabs, commercial vehicles, and motor-cycles, an increase of from twenty-four in July to forty-eight in October, which is bad; but before judging too harshly, let us know how they occurred. How many of the drivers have been convicted of manslaughter? That is a fair test of the guilt of the men

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Photograph] THE RED CROSS IN LEICESTER [*Herbert Wilson, Leicester*

A demonstration of ambulance work outside the Fifth Northern General Hospital, Leicester. The vans have been specially built by Messrs. H. A. Hamshaw, Ltd., of Leicester, under the direction of Mr. Arthur Faire, County Director of the Leicestershire Territorial Association

proceeded to plot one for itself on original lines. Finding one did not consume its energies it finally decided to have three, *al fresco*, not in the least deterred by the prospect of November weather. And held all three—one at Hatfield on Saturday, the 21st, the second on Sunday morning, the 22nd, at Burford Bridge, and the third in

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I found that the breasts being the only organs in the human body which lie idle and out of use the greater part of one's lifetime, they positively can never be developed by treating them as though they were simple muscles or other organs in use daily with regular and constant functions to perform. I firmly believe that the new and radically different method of development which I discovered is the only one in existence which takes this fact into consideration, and the utter failure of all the other methods, treatments, medicines, and appliances which I formerly used is thus fully explained. The first moment you feel the tingling, exhilarating action my treatment exerts, the forerunner of the splendid development soon to follow, you will then be able to realise why it cannot fail to cause dormant tissues to rapidly develop as they awaken to new life.

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An Alternative Recipe

Mix together ½lb. of finely chopped suet, 5 oz. of breadcrumbs, 3 oz. of flour, 6 oz. of currants, ¾ lb. of stoned and halved raisins, 6 oz. of mixed candied peel, 1 oz. of chopped sweet almonds, 4 oz. of Demerara sugar, half the grated rind and juice of a lemon, half a grated nutmeg, and a little mixed spice; beat up three eggs with a dessertspoonful of brandy, and add this to the other ingredients with enough milk to well mix it. Boil eight hours or more in a well-greased mould. Pour a little brandy, rum, or kirsch round, and set it alight just as it is being sent to the dinner-table, and serve with almond or brandy sauce.

A Plainer Christmas Pudding

One pound of stoned raisins or sultanas, 1 lb. of currants, ¾ lb. of beef suet chopped very fine, ½ lb. of flour, ½ lb of breadcrumbs, 1 lb. of raw carrot grated fine, 3 oz. of candied peel chopped fine, 2 oz. of Demerara sugar, a pinch of salt, one nutmeg grated, ginger and cinnamon to taste. Make the pudding two weeks before it is wanted, and steam it for six hours. Hang it up in the basin and cloth in which it was boiled until it is required, when boil it again for two hours. No milk or other moisture is necessary in mixing this pudding

Mincemeat

Three pounds of stoned and chopped raisins, 3 lb. of currants, 3 lb. of moist sugar, 3 lb. of apples, 2½ lb. of chopped suet, 2 oz. of citron, 2 oz. of candied lemon-peel, 3 oz. of sweet almonds chopped fine, the juice and rind of three lemons, also chopped fine, one nutmeg grated, half a pint each of brandy and port wine and a teaspoonful of salt, all to be well mixed. These quantities can be halved, and instead of port wine, sherry is equally good, but the brandy must *not* be stinted or the mincemeat will not keep well, and the flavour be inferior.

Lemon Mould

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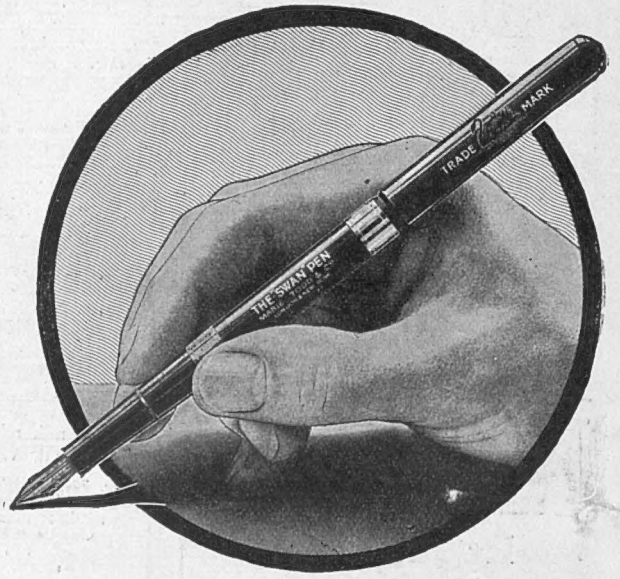

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